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**Lodging in Gloucester**  
 Airville Plantation - 804-694-0287  
 Inn at Warner Hall - 800-331-2720  
 North River Inn - 877-248-3030  
 Comfort Inn - 804-695-1900  
 Hampton Inn - 804-693-9393  
 Gloucester Pt Family Campground 800-332-4316  
**Budget Accommodations**  
 Gloucester Inn Motel - 804-642-3337  
 Tidewater Motel - 804-642-2155



If you enjoy antiquing...we have some great shops. Check them out on our website at [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism/antiqueday.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism/antiqueday.htm)

The middle peninsula of Virginia's Tidewater region has much to offer...whether you are a history buff, art lover or an outdoors type, there is much to keep you busy. Be sure to ask for a *Country Visitor Guide* while at the visitor information center; in it you will find information about our neighbors...Mathews, Middlesex, Essex, King and Queen, King William, Tappahannock, Urbanna and West Point.

Day 3

Here are a few ideas to help you plan your visit to Gloucester. Please feel free to email or call for more information about any of these suggestions, or about the events listed in this brochure. Our website also provides answers to many frequently asked questions.

# For History...for Beauty...for Fun!

Spend day two of your adventure into the past by visiting *Rosewell Ruin*. Once the home of John Page, three time Governor of Virginia, and now a magnificent ruin. *Warner Hall Graveyard* where ancestors of George Washington, Robert E. Lee and Queen Elizabeth II are buried. *Abingdon Church* and *Powhatan's Chimney* are great stops along the way to the southern end of Gloucester. At Gloucester Point, *the Point Walk*, is an interpretive trail along the York River, detailing the importance of this area...historically, commercially, and ecologically. *Tyndall's Point Park* located just across Route 17 is the remains of earthworks dating to the Revolutionary War. An interpretive path clues you in to how this area was significant in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. A great way to finish off day two, before heading out to dinner.

Day 2

The perfect place to begin your visit is at the *Visitor Information Center* located at 6509 Main Street, in the historic Court Circle. There you will find information about this region and many other interesting sites in Virginia. The *Court Circle buildings* are best described as classic examples of an early Virginia county seat. It is one of only a few remaining in the United States. Just across the street is the *Museum of History* located in a pre-Revolutionary ordinary. Venture up Main Street a little further and visit the statue of *Pocahontas*...a great photo opportunity! Also nearby, be sure to visit *Long Bridge Ordinary*, once a convenient store and saddlery for travelers. The 17<sup>th</sup> century *Ware Episcopal Church* is just up the road and their graveyard is beautiful and interesting.

Day 1

Your source for Gloucester postcards!



Take home memories of your visit...  
 Colonial Toys \* Gloucester Ornaments  
 Gloucester Mugs & Shot Glasses \* Postcards  
 Daffodil Festival Posters, Shirts and other items  
 Coloring Books \* Cookbooks \* Gloucester History  
 Tricorn Hats and Ladies' Bonnets \* Audubon Birds  
 Lapel Pins \* Shelf Sitters  
 And more items arriving all the time!

Your one-stop shop for...event schedules, lodging-restaurant-attraction information, maps and a GREAT gift shop!



**Gloucester Visitor Center**

6509 Main Street  
 in the Historic Court Circle  
 804-693-3215  
 Monday thru Saturday  
 10 am to 4 pm,  
 Sunday - 1 to 4 pm

Are you related to Pocahontas? Visit [www.pocahontasfamily.org](http://www.pocahontasfamily.org) to find out!



## Historic Sites of Interest

**Abingdon Episcopal Church:** A rare cruciform (Latin Cross) colonial church which was completed in 1755 and underwent major restoration in 1986. It is one of eight remaining churches of colonial Virginia.

**Long Bridge Ordinary:** It is believed to be the first established shopping place for travelers going along the old Indian Road.

**Powhatan's Chimney:** Local legend tells us this structure, built in 1933, is a replica of the chimney on a home that John Smith built for Chief Powhatan.

**Rosewell:** The ruins of one of the finest mansions built in the colonies sit on the banks of the York River. Open: Mon-Sat 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm. Fee.

**Ware Episcopal Church:** This early 18th century structure served as encampments for federal and confederate soldiers. It is surrounded by a colonial brick wall and an interesting graveyard with beautiful plantings.

**Walter Reed Birthplace:** A small mid-19th century building authentically furnished. Walter Reed proved that the mosquito was the cause of the deadly yellow fever.



## Gloucester Museum of History

Monday-Saturday, 11 am til 3 pm

This pre-Revolutionary brick ordinary is located on Main Street at the Historic Court Circle. In addition to many continuing exhibits about Gloucester's past, the Museum has special exhibits which change approximately once a month. (804)693-1234

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## Gloucester, Virginia

# 2010

## Upcoming Events



### Gloucester Visitor Center

Historic Court Circle  
 6509 Main Street, Gloucester

Mon. through Sat. 10 am - 4 pm  
 Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm.  
 804-693-3215

Visitor Information & Gift Shop  
 Interesting momentos of your visit...  
 and they make great gifts.

### History & Adventure Trail Saturdays

The second Saturday, June thru October, visit historic buildings not open to the public on a regular basis. Also, visit Beaverdam Park to hike park trails and take part in programs specially planned for families. Trail map available at Visitor Center, Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main Street. Free. 1 pm - 4 pm. (804)693-0014.

### Kids...

Be sure to ask about our "Passport" Program. Information available at the Visitor Center, the Gloucester Museum of History & Rosewell.

Information compiled by  
 Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism  
 6467 Main Street  
 Gloucester, Virginia 23061  
 804-693-0014 Toll Free 1-866-VISITUS  
[www.gloucesterva.info](http://www.gloucesterva.info)

Date and/or time and/or place of events are subject to change.

To ensure the best possible experience, please check our website for the most current information.

[www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism)

All events listed are free admission unless noted otherwise. \$\$ indicates there is a fee.

## JANUARY

- 22 **Arts at Abingdon.** Charles Darden. Traditional Pop/Jazz singer. 7:30 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

## FEBRUARY

Black History Month Celebrated

**Gloucester Museum of History** features Holly Knoll, also known as the Moton Center and the Gloucester Institute. 6539 Main St. Open Mon-Sat 11 am – 3 pm. (804)693-1234.

Thru 3/31

### Quilt Code of the Underground Railroad.

Exhibit and quilt revealing the secrets of this legendary code. Located in the Gloucester Visitor Center, 6509 Main St. Mon-Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 1-4 pm. (804)693-3215.



- 14 **Arts at Abingdon.** Modigliani String Quartet. Four outstanding young musicians. 5 pm, Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

- 21- **Let's Wine About Winter.** Celebrate

- 27 Restaurant week on Main Street...special meal deals, wine tastings, and more. \$\$ For details, call (804)695-0700.

[www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com)

## MARCH

- 19 **Arts at Abingdon.** Ensemble Amarcord. Vocal repertoire covering everything from madrigals to romantic compositions, to a capella arrangements of well-known songs. 7:30 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

- 20 **Daffodil Festival Poster Unveiling & Dance** Celebrate the unveiling of the 2010 festival poster and meet the artist. St. Therese Catholic Church, Main Street. 7 pm (804)693-1264. \$\$ [www.gloucesterva.info/pr/events/df/unveil.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr/events/df/unveil.htm)

- 27 **Daffodil Festival - 24<sup>th</sup> annual.** Two days of & family fun...parade at 10 am

- 28 Saturday, fine arts, original handcrafts, Magnificent Mutt Show, 3 entertainment stages & lots of good food! Historic Court Circle, Main St. Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Sun. Noon-5 pm. (804)693-1264

[www.gloucesterva.info/pr/df/homepage.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr/df/homepage.htm)



- 27 **60th Annual Garden Club of Gloucester & Daffodil Show.** American Daffodil Society accredited show. Page Middle School, Rt. 17 south of Gloucester Court House. Sat. 2-5 pm; Sun. Noon-4 pm. (804)693-5629.

[www.gloucesterva.info/pr/events/df/ds.htm](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr/events/df/ds.htm)

## APRIL

- 24 **Clayton Building exhibit opens.** Archaeological findings from John Clayton's home site and his Clerk's Office located on the Piankatank River. Join us for a presentation by archaeologists Robert & Lisa Harper - 2 pm in the Colonial Courthouse. Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main St. (804)693-0014.

- 24 **Art on the Green.** Art show & sale sponsored by the Art League of Gloucester. Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main Street. 10 am-5 pm. (804)693-7704.

- 24 **VA Garden Week Tours of Gloucester & Mathews.** Guided tours of landmark homes and gardens. For a complete listing and brochure visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org). 10 am-5 pm. \$\$

- 25 **Arts at Abingdon VA Symphony Brass Quintet** The acoustics of Abingdon Church are excellent for the brilliant flourish of brass. This quintet will take you on a musical journey. 5 pm. Abingdon Episcopal Church. (804)693-3035. Donations welcomed.

### Farmer's Market

Every Saturday from  
May 22 thru September 18  
Harvest Festival Oct. 16; Holiday Markets  
Nov. 20 & Dec. 11  
9 am to 1 pm  
Fresh produce, homemade soaps, jams & jellies,  
herbs, baked goods and craft items.  
Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church  
Rt. 17S, Ordinary  
Details: (757)327-0050

## MAY

- 15 **Virginia Symphony Under the Stars.** An evening of beautiful music on the campus of Walter Reed Riverside Hospital. Time TBA. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com).



- 16 **Shakespeare in the Park.** Cook Foundation presents its first Shakespeare production in the park. On the Walter Reed Riverside Hospital campus. Play and time TBA. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com)

- 22 **VIMS Marine Science Day.** Day filled with events for the entire family. Exhibits, lab tours, children's activities & more. VA Institute of Marine Science, Greeter Rd, Gloucester Point. 10 am to 3 pm. (804)684-7846.

- 29 **VA 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Continental Army** encampment. Authentically dressed reenactors, meals prepared over the campfire, firing demonstrations and drilling of volunteers from the public. Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main St. 10 am-4 pm. (804)693-0014. [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism)



## JUNE

- 5 **Mad Fashion & Martinis.** Fashion show, shopping discounts, drink tickets & hors d'oeuvres included in \$25 ticket price. 1 pm to 4 pm. Main Street location TBA. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com)

## JULY

- 4 **Celebration & Fireworks.** A day of family FUN at the beach...picnic, swim or fish. A variety of entertainment throughout the day. Gloucester Point Beach on the York River-north side of the Coleman Bridge. 10 am – 9 pm. (804)693-2355.

- Renaissance Festival.**  
17 Human chess, Medieval  
& martial arts jousting,  
18 games for all ages.  
Merchants and food vendors. Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main St. (804)693-2355. [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism)



## AUGUST

- 11- **Gloucester County Fair.** Good old-fashioned family fun. Location TBA. (804)693-2355.  
14 **Last Muster of Gloucester Militia.** & Commemorative & Living History program.  
15 Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main St. 10 am-4 pm. (804)693-2355. [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism)

## SEPTEMBER

- 18 **Chalk Fest.** Street art competition for all ages (fee to participate, free to attend). Fun family entertainment appropriate for all ages and abilities. Carriage Court. 10 am-4 pm. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com)  
24 **Guinea Jubilee.** Two days of arts, crafts, & entertainment, heritage displays and the Firemen's parade. Abingdon Ruritan Club grounds, Guinea Rd, Bena. Details available in early August at [www.guineajubilee.com](http://www.guineajubilee.com).

## OCTOBER

- 25 **Barbecue at the Ruins.** Crisp fall weather, bluegrass music, pulled pork barbecue...a perfect afternoon in the Virginia countryside. Silent auction. 1 pm-4 pm. Fee includes admission, food, entertainment. (804)693-2585. \$\$ [www.rosewell.org](http://www.rosewell.org)  
29 **Haunted Trail.** Plenty of ghosts and goblins & on hand to make this Halloween super scary!  
30 Beaverdam Park, Roaring Springs Rd. 7 pm-9:30 pm. Fee. (804)693-2355. \$\$ [www.gloucesterva.info/pr](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr)

## NOVEMBER 26 THRU JANUARY 2

**Festival of Lights.** Drive-thru light show celebrating the season. Gloucester Point Family Campground. 6 pm-9pm. Details: (804)642-4316. \$\$

## DECEMBER

- 4 **Gloucester Citizens' Christmas & Holiday Parade.** 2 pm. A great way to usher in the holidays. Santa arrives. Main Street. (804)693-2355. [www.gloucesterva.info/pr](http://www.gloucesterva.info/pr)  
5 **Main Street Merchants' Open House.** Kick off the season in Gloucester Village. Main Street merchants open their doors with discounts and refreshments. 1 pm-5 pm. (804)695-0700. [www.gloucestervillage.com](http://www.gloucestervillage.com)  
5 **Tree lighting & Children's Holiday Concert.** Witness the lighting of the Community Christmas tree and enjoy a concert by local school children. 4:30 pm. Historic Court Circle, 6509 Main St. (804)693-2355.



### Concerts on the Green

May thru August FREE concerts are held on the historic Court Circle. Everything from bluegrass to jazz is performed by regional artists. So bring a blanket or lawn chairs, a picnic and the entire family to enjoy good, old-fashioned, hometown entertainment.

As information becomes available it will be posted at [www.gloucesterva.info/tourism](http://www.gloucesterva.info/tourism), or call us (804)693-1264.

### Court House Players 2010 Season

Spring Dinner Theatre - *The Foreigner*  
A comedy by Larry Shue

Summer Dinner Theatre - *Lafferty's Wake*  
A comedy by Susan Turlish

November Musical - Rodgers & Hammerstein's  
*Cinderella*

\$\$ Details at: [www.courthouseplayers.org](http://www.courthouseplayers.org)